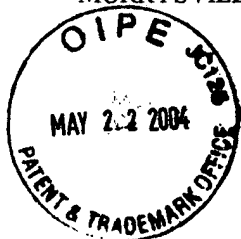


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97 (b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits U.S. Patent & Trademarks Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above- referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

In accordance with Section 1.97(b) (3), it is believed that this Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with Section 1.97(e) (1), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained herein was cited for the first time in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The references were cited during prosecution of the corresponding German application.

However, the references do not disclose that in a light card comprising a base and at least one light emitting element disposed on the base, a cover layer is provided which consists of a light permeable foil, which, except for a light permeable area, is imprinted by a light impermeable coloring agent.

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